GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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MSP of Organic Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered/is considering to implement a scheme for fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for organic pulses and crops in the country including hilly region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): There is no separate Minimum Support Price (MSP) for organic crops. Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for twenty two (22) crops namely Paddy, Jowar, Bajara, Maize, Ragi, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Groundnut-in-shell, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Cotton, Wheat, Barley, Gram. Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed/Mustardseed, Safflower, Jute and Copra and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), views of the State Government, concerned Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors, Producers have the option to sell their produce to Government agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them. The MSP fixed by Government is uniform throughout the country including hilly region.

Organic produce commands a higher price in the market in comparison to non-organic produce. Government is promoting organic farming in a cluster approach to bring down its costs which is expected to increase return to the farmers, through Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) using traditional resources and organic products.
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